immigration and custom clearance, upgradation of ports infrastructural facilities, connectivity to ports, rationalisation of taxation and cabotage relaxation to promote and develop cruise tourism products. Ministry of Shipping has decided to evolve phased programmes in association with Ministry of Tourism for development facilities at ports for cruise shipping.

Setting up of special tourism zones

2380. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed any committee to study the setting up of special tourism zones;

(b) if so, the composition of the committee;

(c) what are the terms and references and recommendations of the said committee; and

(d) whether it is a fact that these recommendations were included in recently adopted National Tourism Policy?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Development of Somnath and Dwarka regions

†2381. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI SURYAKANTBHAI ACHARYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for the development of Somnath region and Dwarka region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations including the State of Gujarat. However, the Ministry of Tourism from 10th Five Year Plan is extending

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.